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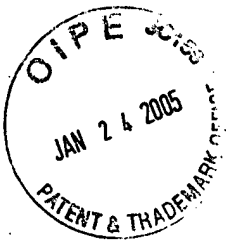
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Title: STOPPER AND STRAW WITHIN A BOTTLE PREVENTING LEAKAGE  
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This document is being filed in response to a restriction requirement mailed 12/23/2003, in which the Examiner said that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

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Species I, Fig. 3, and

Species II, Fig. 7.

The Applicant hereby elects Species I without traverse. Claims 1-9 read on the elected species, with claims 1-5 being generic.

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It is understood that, upon the allowance of a generic claim, the Applicant will be entitled to examination of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or that otherwise the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

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